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Amendment conclusion Bonn Embassies' Tripartite Task 7 Paper, requested by Defense/JCS, discussed tripartitely.

British, under instructions from London, strongly support position taken by their representative Washington who reportedly, after being told by Defense that addition was requested to cover high altitude flights to Berlin by Allies (i.e. U.S.) at any time, restated British opposition to "provocative" high altitude flights. British Embassy, Bonn, takes position that should U.S. insist on this amendment, thereby implying British commitment in advance to support any high altitude flights by U.S., British Government would be forced spell out opposition flights over 10,000 ft. in Berlin corridors, except under contingency conditions. French voiced support British position, not so much in opposition to high altitude flights but rather in belief that no real purpose would be served by amendment.

In our view, since U.S. in any case empowered despatch high altitude flights at any time, and coordination such flights with British can be sought independently, issue not directly pertinent to specific contingency planning which satisfies U.S. basic requirements.

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